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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Mark A. Taplin; Reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

(C) POLMILOFF delivered reftel talking points and non-paper on December 4 to MFA Director for Non-Proliferation, Arms Control and Combating Terrorism Nineta Barbulescu and to MFA Director for Middle East and Africa Daniel Tanase. In a follow up conversation following MFA review of the U.S. points, Tanase reported on December 10 that there was nothing in the NIE that would cause Romania to reconsider changing its current strategy in support of the U.S. position, including to continue to press for additional sanctions within the EU and supporting the UNSC sanctions process.  
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